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A paedophile with cancer will spend the rest of his life behind bars after being jailed for the sexual abuse of children more than 30 years ago



A senior county councillor has warned that the days of 'having a street light on every corner' are over as spending cuts bite



# Sizzling weather sparks 999 alert

BREATHING problems and chest pain caused by the sweltering weekend temperatures sent 999 calls soaring across the region.

Between Friday and Monday, East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) dealt with an extra 290 calls to life-threatening incidents compared with the same period last year.

And ambulance chiefs have warned the demand is likely to continue throughout the summer.

In Northamptonshire on Friday last week there were 93 calls, an increase of 50 per cent and Saturday saw 67 calls, an 11 per cent jump.

And Sunday saw 87 urgent calls almost a 36 per cent increase on the same day last year.

Breathing problems accounted for 17 per cent and chest pain 23 per cent of all Category A responses by EMAS ambulance crews over the weekend.

Director of operations, Diane Lee, said: "As we enter the summer months we are not expecting demand to ease.

"Our service is always busy and people always need our help.

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"Our staff and volunteers have made a fantastic effort in the face of huge increases in demand and it is to their credit that we are continuing to offer effective emergency services to the people of the East Midlands.

"While we don't want to dissuade anyone from calling for help if they need it, we would like to remind everyone to only dial 999 in a genuine emergency.

"Our priority is to help patients with life-threatening illnesses or injuries as quickly as possible."

The increase came at the end of a week when it was revealed that EMAS was the worst-performing ambulance service in the country. Ambulances reached 72.4 per cent of life-threatening situations within eight minutes last year, below the target of 75 per cent.

Anyone with a less urgent condition is asked to call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.



East Midlands Ambulance Service dealt with an extra 290 call-outs last weekend to reports of life-threatening incidents. Increasing temperatures and sweltering conditions were blamed for the rise in calls

### Schools closed as teachers walk out

WALK-OUTS by teachers were due to affect at least 107 schools across Northamptonshire today.

As we went to press, it was thought that 77 schools would be closed and 30 partially closed as teachers took industrial action over planned changes to their pensions.

The remaining 118 schools had yet to inform the local authority whether they would close or remain open.

As things stood yesterday, only Gloucestershire and Lancashire had declared more schools would be affected.

Gordon White, county secretary of the NUT, one of three teaching unions involved in the strike, said: "It shows that significantly more union members than just those who voted actually support the action.

"I think this is a big issue because many teachers feel they have already paid for the benefits that are now being taken away by the Government."

A rally was planned by teaching and public services union members at Northampton Guildhall today to put across their displeasure at the pensions changes. The Public and Commercial Services Union said it expected 90 per cent of its members to join action, affecting the smooth running of job centres and courts across Northamptonshire.





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# 'Get used to the darkness'

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Earlier this year, the leaders of Northamptonshire County Council announced plans to turn off half the county's lights to make savings of £2 mil-

The switch-off has already been met with controversy in Corby, where residents have claimed they no longer feel safe in their darkened streets. But the turn-off in

Northampton will begin at the end of next week with up to 13,000 of the town's 26,000 street lights due to go off to save £766,000 a

The county council's cabinet member for infrastructure, Councillor

Andre Gonzalez de Savage (Con, East Hunsbury) said residents would have to accept such things as the lights switch-off as a "new way of living", suggesting more "unpalatable cuts" could be made

in the coming years.

He said: "There has to be a different way to live these days.

"And if the younger people of today asked those who are a bit older, they'd tell them there wasn't a lot of street lighting before the war.
"I would like to be able

to put a light on everyone's street corner, but we just don't have the money."

The councillor did acknowledge some people in Northampton would not he happy when the lights went out, but argued the town had to do its bit to help tackle the global fi-nancial melt-down. He said: "We all have a responsibility to share the

burden of this country's financial crisis. We've got no choice. Central Government has cut the cash they give us, so we've got to cut our spending.

While in some areas of Northampton every other light will be turned off, in places with crime problems, such as Bridge and Abington Street, the majority will be left on.

And despite the back-lash already seen in Cor-by, Councillor Gonzalez de Savage, said he felt many residents' fears of crime since the switch-off had been "blown out of proportion".

He said: "I've been to Corby to have a look for

myself. There were some areas where it wasn't particularly nice. But I think the fear of crime is much worse than the reality."

The council is working on a map showing which of Northampton's lights will be turned off. It will be published on the authority's website at www. northamptonshire.gov. uk in the next couple of

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# Restaurant hit by competition

THE owner of a town centre restaurant which appeared on a reality TV show, put the business into liquidation last month, it has been revealed.

Owner of The Vineyard, in Derngate, Northampton, Amy Walder took the decision to appoint insolvency practitioner, Arrans, to act as liquidator on May 31, before *The Restaurant Inspector* aired.

The restaurant is still open and operating as nor-

mal and Miss Walder has said business has improved since the filming of the Channel 5 show and new customers were coming in.

The restaurant was transferred from Tina Flowers to her daughter and current owner, 24-year-old Miss Walder, in 2009. A statement of affairs compiled on May 31 revealed the restaurant had a total surplus deficiency of £28,389.

The report revealed a list of 11 creditors were owed a total of £9,089.62. The Vineyard owes £2,466.97 to Northampton Borough Council, £2,173.89 to meat suppliers James Connolly Wholesale, £1,622.41 to British Gas and £465.99 to Anglian Water.

In a statement to the liquidator, Miss Walder, said: "After careful consideration, I decided to take steps to place the company into liquidation."

Wholesaler James Connolly, who supplied the restaurant with fillet steaks, said: "From the letter we received it is quite clear that we have no chance of getting our money back.

"We are a small business and it is a lot of money to lose but we have no choice but to just soldier on.

Miss Walder declined to comment when contacted.

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# Supermarket plan unveiled

### ANOTHER new supermarket could soon open in Northampton town centre.

Plans have been submitted to Northampton Borough Council to convert the former Church's China building, in St Giles Street, into a restaurant.

But developers working on the scheme said they planned to turn only half the councilowned building into a restaurant, while the other half would become an as-yet-unnamed supermarket.

A spokesman for London-based architect Anva, which is working on the plans for the empty building, said: "On the left-hand side of the shop there would be a restaurant and on the right there would be a supermarket, but not a big one.

"It should be nice and will be good for the council as they've been losing money on it since it's been empty"

Church's China left St Giles Street earlier this year and moved into a smaller unit in the nearby Ridings Arcade.

Businessman Andy Lord, who runs the 27 Red sandwich shop in St Giles Street, said that while a new supermarket would be com-



The former Church's China building in St Giles Street, after the firm moved into The Ridings nearby

petition for many current retailers in the street, it would be good to see the empty shop filled.

He said: "We've seen with the new Tesco in Abington Street that while it may be competition, it's probably brought a few more people into the town centre.

"And I think a unit being let is a lot better than it being left empty for a long time."

The plans for the former

Church's China building have only just been submitted to Northampton Borough Council. Officials from the Guildhall will decide in the coming months whether or not the scheme should progress.

It has not yet been revealed which company plans to move into the building or who hopes to rent the empty shop from the

### Students face stiff competition

STUDENTS leaving The University of Northampton face record levels of competition for jobs, with more than 80 fight-

ing for every position, according to a report published today by the Association of Graduate Recruiters. Employers are now receiving 83 applications on average for each job – almost double the numbers of two years ago.



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nue Campus on Saturday afternoon to start recording their performance, which included signing iconic tunes such as Circle of Life and Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me. Rose-Ann O'Malley, who helps

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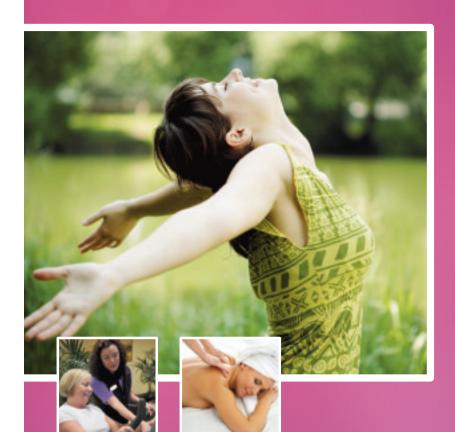
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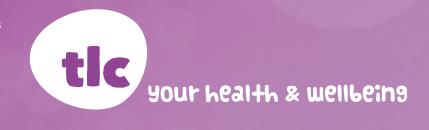
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A PAEDOPHILE diagnosed with cancer will spend the rest of his life behind bars after being jailed for 15 years for the depraved and perverted sexual abuse of young children more than 30 year ago.

John Skelton, 65 (pictured right), was

handed what effectively will be a life sentence at Northampton Crown Court as he has been diagnosed with terminal colon cancer, with a prognosis he may have as little as a year to live.

His crimes eventu-ally caught up with him when he returned to the UK from Turkey in 2009.

Jonathan Spicer, prosecuting, said Skelton was living in The Mounts area in 1971 when he started abusing a young girl. He said: "The defend-

ant told her it would help her in later life.

"He told her 'Your future husband or boy-friend will like this - they will be grateful I showed you how to pleasure men'.'

The court heard another young victim was groomed by being shown pornography before being repeatedly sexually abused.

Skelton also began a campaign of rapes against another young girl, while living in Abington, Northampton,

in the early 1980s. Skelton, formerly of Standens Barn, pleaded guilty to 13 specimen charges of rape, gross indecency and indecent assaults against his victims.



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# **Driver accused of** killing popular DJ

**Bob Knight** pictured in 2005

A LORRY driver has been charged with causing the death of a popular DJ and former pub landlord following a fatal collision on the

**A45 near Northampton.**William Galbraith, aged 48, is accused of causing death by dangerous driving, alleged to have been using a mobile phone at the time of the crash on December 2.

Robert Knight, aged 77, of Church Street, Cogenhoe died after his vehicle was struck from behind on the westbound A45 at Great Doddington.

He had been sitting in the passenger seat of the car on the hard shoulder when Galbraith's DAF goods vehicle collided

with his vehicle, causing fatal injuries. Mr Knight, known as "Big Bob" from his time as landlord of The Nag's Head pub, in Wollaston, was a father-of-two, a great-grandfather and a leading light in the county's music scene.

Galbraith, of Stone, Staffordshire, appeared before Recorder Adrian Redgrave QC at Northampton Crown Court but was not required to enter a plea.

Members of Mr Knight's family were in court for the brief hearing which was adjourned until next month.



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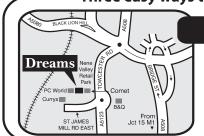
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# Pet dies after savage attack

A FAMILY'S dog had to be put to sleep after it was attacked by two pitbulls in a Northampton park.

Dip Aujla, aged 53, of Spinney Hill, was walking his family's prized Yorkshire terrier Jack in Bradlaugh Fields at about 5.30am on Wednesday when the attack happened.

His wife Tina Bartosiak, aged 53, a midwife at Northampton General Hospital, said: "My husband was walking Jack as usual before work when suddenly, out of nowhere, two pitbulls headed straight for him. In a flash, before my husband could even do anything, one had picked Jack up in its mouth and was shaking him.

"Both my husband and the owner of the dogs tried to get the pitbull off him, but it had such a strong grip on him, and my husband was bitten on the hand."

Jack was rushed to the vets, where X-rays of his tiny body found he had sustained three fractured spinal vertebrae and a punctured lung in addition to numerous bite marks. The extent of his injuries meant the family then had to make the painful decision to put him to sleep.

Mrs Bartosiak said: "As the day went on he was in so much pain.



Tina and Leila Bartosiak and Dip Aujla with a picture of their Yorkshire Terrier Jack, that had to be put down after he was attacked by a pitbull on Bradlaugh Fields

He couldn't walk or stand up. We couldn't leave him like that. We are distraught. He was such a lovely happy dog and he loved walks. We had had him since he was two and it was actually his

seventh birthday the day he died. "He was everything to us. He even came with us when we moved to America for a few years. Wherever we were, Jack was with

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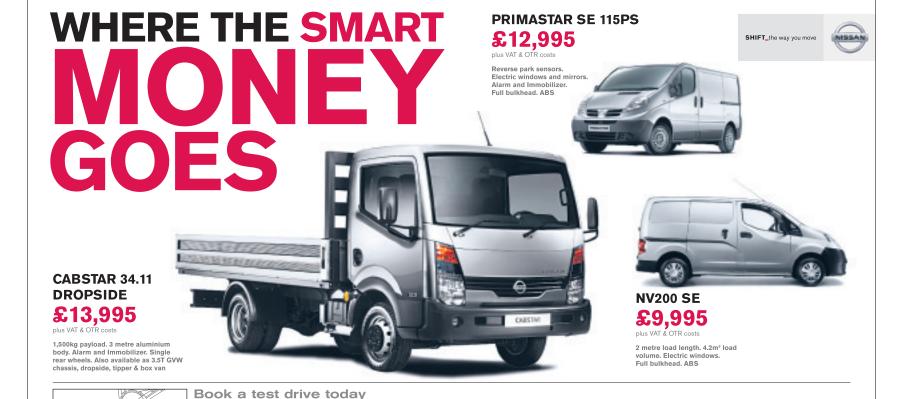
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us. He was part of the family.
"We just wish owners could be
a bit more responsible. If only the dog had had a muzzle on it wouldn't have been able to attack Jack.

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Representatives from local armed forces regiments and members of local charities supported the event, organised by Northampton Borough Council.

And a memorial service at the Military Cemetery in Towcester Road, on Sunday remembered all those who had died since World War Two while in service.

Family and friends gathered at memorial which also paid to tribute to those people who died outside of active service.

Charlene Birch, aged 28, laid a wreath during the service in memory of her husband Cpl Marc Birch, from Kingsthorpe, who died in December 2008 in Afghanistan, aged 28.

She said: "It's important that the fallen soldiers are

remembered, I come here every year with Marc's family. I take comfort from the fact that there is still support for them.

Daryl Birch, Marc's father who also helped to lay the wreath, said: "I'm pleased that every year my son, and others like him, are remembered at such a lovely service like this.

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# Disgust at park mess

### AN illegal party at one of Northampton's beauty spots has outraged local visitors.

The remnants of a large gathering near the lake at Delapre Park were discovered early on Saturday morning by walkers who spotted smoke coming from a still-burn-

Volunteers at Friends of Delapre Abbey which manages the historic abbey and the adjoining park, said raves and parties in the grounds were a constant problem.

Environmental health officials were to be contacted by the volunteer group to clear away the hundreds of beer cans and bottles, food packaging and parts of

Ian Pursey, aged 57, from Abington, Northampton, said he was disgusted to discover the

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mess during an early morning

He said: "It's a terrible sight to see at such a lovely beauty spot.

"It shows no respect and it's disgusting that people can treat our parks like this.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw

it.
"Dog walkers had to quickly put their dogs on leads because of all the food, packaging and burn-

Michelle Ford, catering manager for the Friends of Delapre Abbey, said more needed to be done to protect the park from vandals.

She said: "Of course it is very disappointing. It's disgusting that people do

this.
"It is a constant prob-

"We will be in contact with the borough council.

"We need to encourage more police patrols and an extra park warden is expected to be employed soon by Northampton Borough Council to stop this damage."

Some of the rubbish left by the lake at Delapre Park













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# Music **Guide**

Rocket Man's a big hit



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Sir Elton John gig branded a huge success.

Around 14,500 people packed out the County Ground in Abington on Saturday to see the music legend, responsible for a string of chart-topping hits such as Rocket Man and I'm Still Standing.

But while the concert drew a massive crowd, the revellers left little behind to clear-up.

Mark Tagg, chief executive of Northamptonshire

ed to stage a concert like this.

"The reports aren't all in yet but we have had some very good feedback so far and Sir Elton stayed to sign autographs, which we have heard is a really good sign.

"It is the first time we have hosted a concert like this and it was a much bigger crowd than we are used to seeing in recent cricket matches, but they were really well behaved.

The vast majority of the clear-up has already happened. The promoters had to get to a gig in Brighton so they cleared most of their equipment up really quickly. night and there is a little more to do, but they were a really tidy crowd and left quite promptly.

"People have been asking <mark>if we will do concert</mark>s again and while there is no way we will become a concert venue, if we found the right artist again we would definitely consider it."

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### Theatre **Guide**

# Mischievous musical

HE mischievous puppet musical *Avenue Q* brings its cheeky look at life to Northampton on

Tuesday.

The Tony Award-winning musical comedy which has been a West End hit for the last five years is now on tour in the UK for the first time and runs at Royal & Derngate from Tuesday until July 9.

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The cast of puppets and humans take a witty and rude look at life through the eyes of Princeton, a college graduate making his way in the world and looking for his life's purpose.

Along the way, the subjects of dating, racism and being gay are tackled.

Cast members have worked with puppet coach Nigel Plaskitt whose credits include \*The Muppet Christmas Carol.\*

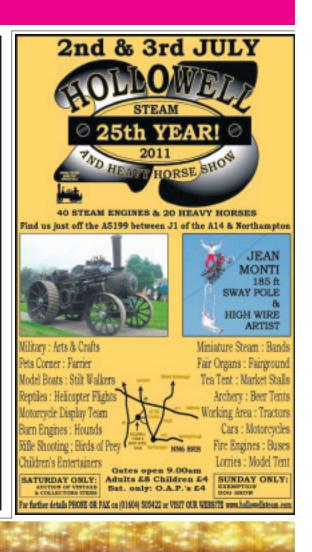
The show started life in 1999 when Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx developed the idea thinking that it would make a good TV series, but three years later as a stage musical it opened off-Broadway to excellent reviews.

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Joining the cast are rising stars Mat Ricardo, Elliot James and Jim Deveraux, who is best known as one of the UK's most popular Elvis impersonators. The Burlesque Show draws on a range of styles from across the centuries and brings it all up-to-date.

It is on at Royal & Derngate on Sunday at 7.45pm. Tickets are £18.50 and are available from the box office on 01604 624811 or online at www. royalandderngate.co.uk



# Sociological silliness

COMEDIAN Russell Kane brings his new standup tour to the Lighthouse theatre in Kettering next week

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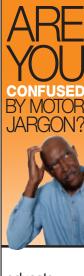
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GREET

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If I could have one more wish,

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CONNOR

Vincent

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Caroline, John and Paul, and Families.

good times we

had together.

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Mum Blodwyn.

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Paul



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### WILLIS **Anthony John**

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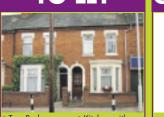
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# There's no way back for Gilligan

RYAN GILLIGAN will return to pre-season training tomorrow as a Cobblers player - but Gary Johnson boss the midfielder savs still has no future at the club.

Town's longest serving player was made available for transfer on the final day of last season, with Johnson saying that Gilligan was 'not part of my plans, it's as simple as that'.

The Town boss will ave been hoping that have Watford youth system Gilligan would product have found another club over the summer, but that hasn't been the case.

It means Gilligan, who was unavailable at the back end of last season due to an ankle injury, will report back to Sixfields with the rest of the first team squad on Friday.

Gilligan may be coming back hoping to change his manager's mind about him and his worth to the Cobblers, with Johnson having previously at one point jet-tisoned both Kevin Thornton and Ben Tozer before reversing his decision on the pair and offering them new deals.

But it's clear Johnson's stance on Gilligan, who has a year to run on his Cobblers contract, hasn't altered over the past couple of months.

"While Ryan is contracted to the club, he is part of the squad," said Johnson.

'But I won't be using him, so hopefully he is a good enough player, and he has done well enough for people to take him on board.

"He will be at pre-season training.

"He is under contract and he is going to have to do that, and he might need to get a week or two's fitness work under his belt so he can prove he has come back from his injury. "And I'm sure he has done

that, because I believe he has been working hard with our physio, but that's where we are with him."

With Gilligan seemingly out of the equation, and goalkeeper Chris Dunn on the verge of a switch to Coventry City, it means the Cobblers squad is still a little on the threadbare side with the new season only five weeks

away.

If Gilligan and Dunn are included, the squad stands 18 strong but Johnson, who is also expected to complete the signing of Paul Turnbull from Stockport County this week, insists his rebuilding

job is right on track.
"It has been really good," said the Town boss.

"The chairman has backed me up, we have been really clever in our business.

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"Normally you get one or two that let you down for whatever reason, but it's gone well and now we just have to make the fine tuning to it and make sure the whole squad is strong.



FUTURE UNCERTAIN - Ryan Gilligan is still on the transfer list at Sixfields

# Hartley goes on the attack

SAINTS skipper Dylan Hartley has hit back at criticism of the amount of foreignborn players in the England preliminary World Cup squad.

Hartley is one of four New Zealand-born players in Martin Johnson's 45-man squad that is into its second week of training at its Pennyhill Park hotel base.

The inclusion of Thomas Waldrom, who just a year ago was still dreaming of playing for the All Blacks, Samoan Manu Tuilagi and South African Mouritz Botha seems to have tipped the balance too far for many critics as, in all, there are 13 players in the squad born outside of England.

Hartley, though, says he has come through the English system after moving over as a 16-year-old and is proud to be English.

The 25-year-old said: "I am a product of the English rugby system. I didn't walk straight into an academy I joined a local club when I came here and played all the trial games to get into an academy and the England system.

Tam in England and I am playing for England. I have been here 10 years now and that is a long time, soon it is going to be 16 years and that will be half my life in New Zealand and half here, this is certainly home."

Unlike fellow New Zealand-born England players Waldrom, who has discovered an English grandparent, Shontayne Hape and Riki Flutey, who qualify through the three-year residency rule, Hartley started playing with Crowborough in Sussex, before being picked for county and England Schoolboys. He went on to join Worcester academy before moving to Franklin's Gardens in 2005. He has gone on to play for England Under-18s and under-21s and now the senior side,

winning 28 caps.

Hartley, though, has nothing against England using all the players they are allowed to under IRB regulations.

"It means we have a lot of good players to choose from," said Hartley. "There are a lot of boys who have not made the 45 and they will be a bit gutted about that, but it is good for English rugby that we have a lot of

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